GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1812
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SHORTAGE OF CONCRETE SLEEPERS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the railways track expansion work has been stalled due to shortage of concrete sleepers;

(b) if so, whether the sleeper manufacturing units are on the verge of closure due to stand off with the Railways on the issue of price escalation ; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS(DR. R. VELU)

(a) Reduced sleeper availability during June 2008 to August 2008 has affected the progress of targeted projects/works to a certain extent. However, other factors like unprecedented hike in steel prices has also adversely contributed towards the progress of work during the current year.

(b) No, Sir. Matter has been resolved and production of sleeper has resumed.

(c) Does not arise.